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FROM FLORENCE.

A General Summary of News.

Correspondence of the HERALD.

FLORENCE, January 5, 1879.

A special term of the district court was held at Florence, December 30, Chief Justice French presiding, to consider the quo warranto proceedings of Gaines vs. Ruggles, in the contested election for the trusteeship. His honor after hearing the case dismissed it, first for technical reasons and also on the ground that it was a case involving federal questions, and therefore without jurisdiction of the territorial courts. This gives the trusteeship to L. P. Ruggles.

Prof. L. B. Caldwell, of the Isabella Mining company, and Col. Wm. B. Scott, of the General Lee mine of Globe district, left for the east on Wednesday.

Mr. Geo. Tyng, the genial editor of the Yuma Sentinel, paid a flying visit to Florence on Sunday, having returned from an extended trip to Southern Arizona.

Mr. R. F. Straine, of the U. S. signal corps, who has been stationed in Florence for some months past, left for Boston, Mass., on Wednesday, for duty at the meteorological station in that city. While in Arizona, Mr. Straine has carried on an extensive correspondence not only with the local papers of the territory, but also with the San Francisco and eastern press, and was the accredited agent for the New York Mining Record. Mr. Straine carries with him the best wishes of his many friends, with hopes for his speedy return to the territory.

Mr. T. T. Moore, of Washington, has taken Mr. Straine's place at the United States military telegraph office in Florence.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

Three new towns have been laid off in the Tombstone district.

Tucson Citizen: Ex-Gov. Safford returned from Yuma Wednesday evening. The machinery for the new Tombstone mill is all in Arizona, but there were not wagons enough at the railroad to reload it all. This difficulty will soon be overcome, and the entire mill will again be moving toward Tucson by the 10th of this month. This is the mill that is to test the virtues of the Tombstone mines.

A new and highly important development is officially reported by Superintendent Williams in the San Xavier property, Arizona. In sinking a new working shaft known as the Union shaft, on the line between the San Xavier and the Calabazas, Mr. Williams expected to find the ledge at a depth of 100 feet, but much to his surprise he got it at 20 feet and it came in with a richness that fairly startled him. The very lowest assay was \$165, and the highest \$850. The ledge is clearly defined, between granite walls with clay casings, and at the date of Mr. Williams' letter the shaft was still in it. The San Xavier people are much elated with their find, which they think establishes beyond a doubt the immense value of their property.

San Francisco Post: Governor Fremont is winning golden opinions from the people of Arizona. His activity since assuming his duties has been very remarkable. Besides gaining investigation, combined with his previous extensive knowledge obtained as an explorer, the means of forwarding a valuable report for the Interior department on the character and resources of the territory, the Pathfinder has made a number of journeys, visiting and examining the condition of various Indian tribes, with a view of learning their wants and how best to insure peace between them and the whites. Considering General Fremont's age, his activity and powers of endurance are remarkable. They are not exceeded by the display of such qualities made in his earlier manhood. We learn that the general will soon make an extended trip to the Gila valley and south thereof as far as the Sonora frontier. It is a fortunate thing for Arizona to have as governor a man of the great reputation, energy and ability of John C. Fremont.

An old gentleman of eighty-four, and his bride, aged eighty-two, entered a railway car the other day and took a seat by the stove. A youth, occupying the seat behind, says he overheard the following: Old gentleman to his bride—"Who's a little lamb?" Bride—"Bofe of us."

Times are very dull in Southern Mohave.

Death of Caleb Cushing.

Caleb Cushing died last Thursday, the 2d inst., at the age of 79. He was one of the most notable men of the republic. In his death the government loses one of its staunchest pillars. He was a graduate of Harvard and at the early age of 19 became a tutor in that institution. His political career began at 25, when he was elected to the Massachusetts legislature, serving several terms in the assembly and senate. Mr. Cushing's first important service to the United States government was in 1844, when he visited China as American commissioner, and negotiated the first treaty made between that empire and this country. In 1847 he was a conspicuous advocate of a war with Mexico, and equipped a regiment at his own expense. Being appointed its colonel, he served under Gen. Taylor, and was subsequently promoted to the rank of brigadier-general. While in Mexico he was defeated as democratic candidate for governor of Massachusetts. In 1852 he became a justice of the supreme court of Massachusetts, and in the following year he was appointed United States attorney general, which position he held for four years. In April, 1860, he was president of the democratic national convention at Charleston, but during the civil war gave the union party his earnest support. In 1866 he was appointed one of the three eminent lawyers who revised the statutes of the United States. His services at the Geneva conference are still fresh in the public mind. His last public post was that of minister to Spain in 1873.

Female Free Masons.

Says the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer: Recently this paper, after referring to the fact that the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth is supposed to be the only female Free Mason in the world, divulged the fact that Mrs. B. B. Babington, who was at one time a resident of this State, was also a member of the ancient and honorable order. The Observer's article has brought out the Shelby Aurora to the front, and in its issue of yesterday, the editor, Mr. J. B. Babington, writes as follows: "Inasmuch as the lady referred to in the above article is our mother, we deem it our duty to republish it and make the necessary corrections. The story is correct with the exception of places and ages. The lady's father was a native of New York, and moved to Greenup county, Kentucky, where our mother was born and raised. The place where she was made a Mason was in an unfinished church room. She secreted herself under the pulpit, going in at an entrance from the side, and was eventually discovered while leaving her hiding-place after the lodge had adjourned. She was about 15 years old when she was made a Mason, and our father did not join the order for nearly twenty years after they were married. We do not belong to the order, but we have it from men who do that she is brighter in Masonry than a large number of men who have passed to the third degree. Our mother is still living, and is now in Boyd county, Kentucky, a few miles from where she was first initiated into the mysteries of that ancient order of Masons."

A PRIVATE letter from a gentleman in Arizona says: "I have examined this country with great care and find undoubted evidence of a prosperous future. Arizona is to-day, in embryo, the great mining empire of the Pacific. I cannot detail in a letter the mines that produce their millions, but they are many. The railroads are coming from the west and east. Their rate of progress is three miles a day; one on the Santa Fe Atchison and Topeka line, and two on the Southern Pacific railroad. The gap will soon be closed. St. Louis will be the great commercial city with which we shall have direct dealings. Arizona will score \$6,000,000 in bullion, as its product for 1878. I have secured one of the best mines in this country, and shall put it on the market in St. Louis. The mine is owned here, is thoroughly developed, has 500 tons of ore on its dump that will mill \$120 per ton. It is thoroughly opened by shafts and levels driven all in one, and shows over 3,000 tons.—Idaho Avalanche.

Burlington Hawkeye: Brethren, before we sing the next verse of "John Brown's body lies all mouldy in the grave," let us take a look into the grave and see that it is there. In these days of Ohio medical colleges a cemetery isn't so safe as a savings bank, and it may be that political glee clubs, who have been singing the song quoted above, have been chanting a rhythmic lie for the past fifteen years.

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